



DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATION

Notice of a Change in Status of an Extended Benefit (EB) period for Pennsylvania

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a change in benefit period eligibility under the EB program for Pennsylvania.

The following changes have occurred since the publication of the last notice regarding the State's EB status:

- Based on the data released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics on October 21, 2011, the three month average, seasonally-adjusted total unemployment rate for Pennsylvania rose to exceed the 8.0% threshold to trigger "on" to a high unemployment period (HUP) in EB. The payable period for Pennsylvania in HUP began November 6, 2011 and eligibility for claimants increased from a maximum potential duration of 13 weeks to a maximum potential duration of 20 weeks in the EB program.

The trigger notice covering state eligibility for the EB program can be found at:

http://ows.doleta.gov/unemploy/claims_arch.asp.

Information for Claimants

The duration of benefits payable in the EB program, and the terms and conditions on which they are payable, are governed by the Federal-State Extended Unemployment

Compensation Act of 1970, as amended, and the operating instructions issued to the states by the U.S. Department of Labor. In the case of a state beginning an EB period, the State Workforce Agency will furnish a written notice of potential entitlement to each individual who has exhausted all rights to regular benefits and is potentially eligible for EB (20 CFR 615.13 (c) (1)).

Persons who believe they may be entitled to EB, or who wish to inquire about their rights under the program, should contact their State Workforce Agency.

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Signed in Washington, D.C., this 23rd day of November, 2011.

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